

REMARKS

Claims 21-32 are pending in this application.

Claims 11, 13, and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey in view of Hodges and Cavalier et al. Applicant will argue the inapplicability of these rejections to the new claims.

Claim 21 recites, among other features, “a plurality of cups attached to each transversal bar, wherein at some of the cups are arranged moveable and lockable on the transversal bars; and a plurality of loading ledges, each ledge having at least two feet, wherein the at least two feet of the loading ledge are received in the cups, wherein one or more packages is received on the loading ledges to form the unit load and the unit load after forming is lifted from the fixture together with the loading ledges”. Claim 27 recites, among other features, the steps of “arranging moveable and lockable cups on a fixture, the fixture having an approximate rectangular frame, formed of at least two parallel long struts and at least two parallel short struts at the ends of the long struts, wherein transversal bars are arranged moveable on the long struts, with the ends of each bar on each long strut and the cups are arranged on the transversal bars; arranging a plurality of loading ledges, each loading ledge having at least two feet, on said fixture by inserting the at least two feet of the loading ledges into the cups”.

Harvey is directed to the design of a skid assembly. Harvey does not show any loading ledges. Harvey does not show that the unit load together with loading ledges should be lifted from a fixture. Finally, Harvey does not show that feet of the loading ledges are received in cups arranged on a fixture. In order to overcome these deficiencies, the Office Action cites Hodges and Cavalier. While Hodges does disclose cups, it is respectfully submitted that the cups are not adjustable. Furthermore, nothing in

Hodges or Cavalier suggests the use of loading ledges or inserting at least some of the feet of the loading ledges into the adjustable cups.

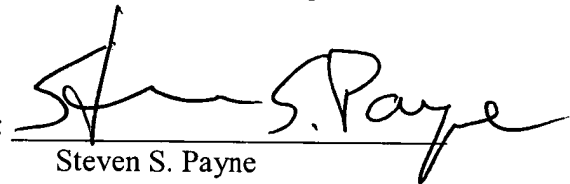
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Harvey, Hodges and Cavalier et al. do not disclose the invention recited in independent claims 21 and 27 for at least the reasons set forth above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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